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COUNTYWIDE ORGANIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE SET ***Nov. 3 Event Scheduled For Balboa Park's Recital Hall***

San Diego County residents threw away more than two million tons of food, soil, wood, yard wastes, paper, manure, and other organic materials in 2004. Those materials *could* have been processed into mulch and compost to enrich the region's soil.

People interested in the future of sustainable organic resource management are invited to attend the free, one-day Organic Resource Management Project conference Thursday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Recital Hall in Balboa Park (2130 Pan American Plaza). Hosted by the County of San Diego, the conference brings stakeholders together to discuss the best uses of organic materials and to help form recommendations for the management of these materials throughout the county.

Despite regional recycling efforts, less than half of the jurisdictions in the county have reached the 50 percent diversion rate for solid waste as mandated by California law. Organics, which comprise half of our waste stream, continue to be dumped in landfills.

Free parking for the conference is available in the Pan American Plaza parking lot and in the Organ Pavilion lot.

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